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SUBJECT: EMERGENCY WATER DELIVERIES TO TIJUANA: ENERGY  
ARRANGEMENTS

1. AS PLANNED, MESSRS. REED CANADY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY AND ROBERT WHELEY OF METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT, ACCOMPANIED BY EMBOFFS, MET WITH CFE DIRECTOR GENERAL ARSENIO FARELL JANUARY 11 TO DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS TO MEET ENERGY NEEDS IN CONNECTION WITH IBWC MINUTE 240 EMERGENCY WATER DELIVERIES TO TIJUANA. LIC. FARELL HAD BEEN BRIEFED IN ADVANCE ON THIS PROBLEM, AND IMMEDIATELY TOLD US DEL THAT HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA TO DELIVER 1 MILLION KILOWATT HOURS OF ELECTRICITY IN ORDER TO INSURE CONTINUED WATER DELIVERIES. HE ALSO MADE CLEAR THAT HE HAD ABSOLUTELY NO AUTHORITY EVEN TO DISCUSS ALTERNATIVE OF FUEL DELIVERIES, SINCE THAT IS PROVINCE OF PEMEX RATHER THAN CFE. FURTHERMORE, PRESIDENT'S INSTRUCTIONS HAD BEEN EXPLICIT IN OPTING FOR POWER DELIVERY SOLUTION.

2. MR. CANADY POINTED OUT SOME OF THE TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES WHICH MIGHT BE INVOLVED IN THE POWER DELIVERY SOLUTION, ESPECIALLY THE NEED TO ISOLATE MEXICAN GENERATING CAPACITY FOR THIS PURPOSE. HE FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT COSTS INVOLVED IN MAKING NECESSARY CONNECTIONS MIGHT BE SUCH AS TO  
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RENDER FUEL OIL OPTION LESS EXPENSIVE.

3. LIC. FARELL RECOGNIZED THAT THERE SUCH TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL DETAILS WHICH WILL HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT; HOWEVER, HE REMAINED ADAMANT IN STATING THAT THIS SOLE INSTRUCTION AND AUTHORIZATION WAS TO AGREE TO DELIVER THE SPECIFIED AMOUNT OF ELECTRICITY. ACCORDINGLY, HE SUGGESTED AN EARLY MEETING BETWEEN TECHNICIANS TO ARRANGE FOR POWER TURNOVER IN THE TIJUANA-SAN DIEGO AREA. THIS MEETING HAS NOW BEEN SET FOR 10 A.M. TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, IN THE OFFICERS OF THE SAN DIEGO GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY AT SAN DIEGO.  
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